साथ ही संबद्ध सांसदों के साथ समय-समय पर उनकी सुविधा के अनुसार रहता है। इस परिप्रेक्ष्य में, केन्द्रीय सरकार के विचाराधीन ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है कि जिला स्तर पर योजना के कार्यान्वयन के प्रबोधन के लिए कोई विशेष प्रकोष्ठ बनाया जाए।

(घ) और (ङ) सम्बन्धित सांसदों द्वारा अनुशंसित किये गये निर्माण कार्यों के शीघ्र निष्पादन के लिए सभी जिला कलेक्टरों को अनुदेश जारी कर दिए गए हैं। जब भी विशेष शिकायतें प्राप्त होती हैं, तो संबंधित कलेक्टर/राज्य सरकार से विस्तृत रिपोर्ट मांगी जाती है तथा उपयुक्त अनुदेश जारी किए जाते हैं। विभाग निर्माण कार्यों की प्रगति का प्रबोधन करता है। विभाग के अधिकारी भी जहां आवश्यक होता है, निर्माण कार्यों की शीघ्रता के लिए दौरा करते हैं। जब कभी भी कलेक्टरों को कठिनाई होती है, कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग तुरंत स्पष्टीकरण तथा मार्ग निर्देश देता है।

Pilferage of foodgrains from FCI Godowns

2108. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports about pilferage and replacement of foodgrains with an inferior quality from the godown of Food Corporation of India in connivance with the officials concerned during the year 1994 and so far in 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (State-wise);

(c) whether Government have also received any reports of such replacment of good quality foodgrains with inferior quality at fair price shops, during the above period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government have so far taken to check the nefarious activities of the officials at FCI godowns and by the fair price shop owners?

THE MINSITER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total number of 106 cases of theft and pilferage involving an amount of Rs. 19.86 lakhs have been reported to the Food Corporation of India by its field formations during 1994 and 1995 (upto October, 1995). The State-wise details of the cases are as in the statement (*see* below).

Two cases of replacement of wheat and rice of good quality from FCI godowns have been reported in Punjab Region of the Food Corporation of India.

(c) All operational aspects of distribution of foodgrains to the consumers under the Public Distribution System are matters under the administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. No specific complaints have been received from any State Government/Union Territory Administration regarding replacement of good quality foodgrains with inferior quality at fair price shops.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has increased the number of surprise checks at its godowns and deterrent punitive action is taken against the erring officials. So far as nefarious activities of fair price shops owners are concerned, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been delegated the authority under the Essential Commodities Act, 1995 to take action for indulging in malpractices in the distribution of commodities under the Public Distribution System and they have also advised to set up vigilance committees of consumers at fair price shop level to ensure people's participation in the supervision of the Public Distribution System.

Statement

Number of Theft/Pilferage cases in various states

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of cases
1.	Uttar Pradesh	5
2.	Punjab	2
3.	Rajasthan	13
4.	Maharashtra	25
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2
6.	Karnataka	1
7.	Kerala	1
8.	Tamil Nadu	1
9.	Andhra Pradesh	2
10.	Assam	1
11.	Bihar	1
12.	Orissa	2
13.	West Bengal	50

Representation from All India Beedi Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation

2109. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from the All India Beedi Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) has been received;

(b) if so, the details of the main demands raised by them;

(c) whether Government have permitted the multi national cigarette companies to manufacture macro-cigarettes;

(d) if so, whether Government are aware that these steps have thrown lacs of beedi workers mostly women out of employment and forced their families to starve; and

(e) if so, the steps Government contemplate to save the beedi industry of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main demands raised therein are for imposing a ban on production and sale of mini-cigarettes, withdrawl of concessions given to Cigarette Industry, for withdrawing excise exemption to Beedi manufacturers producing upto 20 lakhs beedies annually, uniform minimum wage of Rs. 50 and D.A. 10 paisa per point, old age pension and insurance scheme, strict implementation of all labour laws to beedi industry and to ensure supply of sufficient tendu leaves and tobacco to workers and to lower down its prices.

(c) to (e)The Government have received representations from the manufacturers of beedies and the Associations of beedi workers stating that the present rate pf specific excise duty on non-filter cigarettes of length not exeeding 60 mm is affecting the beedi industry and workers. Since the incidence of excise duty on cigarettes is substantially higher than on beedies, it is unlikely that the system of central excise duty levied on cigarettes based on the length has adverse effect on the beedi industry and workers.

राजीव गांधी हत्याकांड की जांच से संबंधित खोई हुई फाइल के संबंध में जांच

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(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि राजीव गांधी हत्याकांड के सुरक्षा पहलुओं की जांच करने वाले न्यायमूर्ति वर्मा पैनल की नियुक्ति से संबंधित मूल फाइल गायब है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उस मूल फाइल के गायब होने के मामले की कोई जांच करायी है: यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में तथ्यात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) जी हां। श्री राजीव गांधी हत्या के लिए उत्तरदायी सुरक्षा दोषों की जांच कर रहे न्यायमूर्ति